

**Evacuation of documents from certain Imperial
Institutions**

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1. In accordance with policy declared by AC of S G-2 in Check Sheet published by AC of S G-2, WSW, 31 Oct 1945 and pursuant to the desires of the War Department and Navy Department, herewith is a plan for the seizure of certain archives in Japan.

2. It is proposed that at a time to be determined by AC of S G-2, SCAP, the Imperial University Library and such other libraries as may be designated and the Imperial General Headquarters be occupied and secured while detailed selection and evacuation of desired documents are effected.

3. Toward an orderly and efficient program of selection, the following plan of operation is proposed:

a. Mission: Assemble in Washington, D. C. a general Japanese library embracing all desirable publications available in Japan, and all pertinent military documents obtainable from the Imperial General Headquarters.

b. Organization: Washington Document Center (Adv) in conjunction with ATIS will be charged with the mechanics of fragmentary translation, selection, and evacuation. Selected specialists in all appropriate fields of military intelligence and civilian research will govern the actual selection, assisted by translators to be furnished by ATIS and W.D.C. Coordination between various specialist agencies will be effected by Chief, WDIT Section.

c. Operation: It is proposed that the following steps be taken in the indicated sequence to acquire desired publications from libraries.

(1). Chief, WDIT Section call conference of selected representatives of all intelligence agencies in Japan to provide at least one highly qualified individual in each of the following fields of research:

- (a) Aeronautics
- (b) Agriculture
- (c) Animal Husbandry
- (d) Anthropology
- (e) Art and Music
- (f) Atomic Force
- (g) Biology

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- (h) Botany
- (i) Business Administration
- (j) Chemistry
- (k) Economics
- (l) Education
- (m) Electronics
- (n) Geo-politics
- (o) History
- (p) Law
- (q) Mechanical Engineering
- (r) Medicine
- (s) Metallurgy
- (t) Navigation
- (u) Physics
- (v) Political Science and Government
- (w) Psychology
- (x) Public Health
- (y) Religion
- (z) Sociology

(2) These representatives will be instructed in mission and will be called upon to contribute recommendations to plan for selection.

(3) On date to be designated by AG of S G-2, SCAP, the Imperial University Library and such other libraries as may be declared of value at conference above will be occupied by occupation force commander to insure preservation of publications until selection is complete.

(4) Teams consisting of at least one specialist in each field ((1) above) and two translators will enter the target site and examine the library catalogue appropriate to the specialist. A list will be prepared of all publications considered by the specialist to warrant evacuation. It is estimated that this phase should require three days.

(5) After lists have been compiled no further action is required of specialists. ATIS and WDG (Adv) personnel will select and evacuate from the library those publications desired.

(6) Guards should remain in continuous control of target throughout period of selection. It is believed that the entire operation described above can be completed in two weeks.

d. It is proposed that identical plan can effect selection of archives from Imperial General Headquarters, with the exception that specialists governing selection will be guided by military intelligence requirements rather than technical, scientific or cultural requirements.

4. While it is recognized that under this plan some worthwhile documents may be overlooked, and some documents may be evacuated unnecessarily, the overall result should substantially meet War and Navy Department requirements within a reasonable period of time, and with the means at hand.

5. It is believed that several additional targets such as the Bureau of Prisoners of War should be searched according to the procedure described above. It is recommended that the conference proposed in par 3 c (1) include in its agenda the designation of such institutional targets.

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